

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of August 6, 2003.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is believed the foregoing amendments do not require an additional search or examination.

The Office Action

Claims 2, 5, 9, 10, 14-19, 21, 24, 27-31 and 33-34 remain in this application.

Claims 14-16 have been allowed.

Claims 24 and 17 have been amended to parallel allowed claim 14.

Claims 27, 28, 31, 33, 34 have been amended to correct technicalities.

Claims 25, 26, 32 have been cancelled.

Claims 24, 2, 5, 9-10, 27-28, and 31 are in Condition for Allowance

Claim 24 was amended to parallel allowed claim 14. Claim 24 calls for presenting the grouped ejectors to a user at least in one of ascending and descending droplet compensation value ranking. It is respectfully submitted that **claim 24 and claims 2, 5, 9-10, 27-28, and 31**, dependent on claim 24 are allowable.

Claims 17-19, 21 and 33-34 are in Condition for Allowance

Claim 17 has been amended to parallel allowed claim 14. Claim 17 calls for a group mechanism, which forms groups of ink ejectors of the printhead into sets of grouped ink ejectors and presents the grouped ejectors to the user in one of ascending and descending droplet compensation value ranking. It is respectfully submitted that **claim 17 and claims 19, 21 and 33-34**, dependent on claim 17 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (**Claims 2, 5, 9, 10, 14-19, 21, 24, 27-31 and 33-34**) are now in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment BB. However, the undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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